approved in September 2000 to be directly implemented by Government of Assam. Rs. 4.20 crore was released in January-February 2001. The Government of Assam passed on these funds at the disposal of Bodoland Autonomous Council between December 2001 to May 2002. Against this Rs. 4.20 crore, the State Government has reported utilization of Rs. 1.59 crore only. Release of subsequent installment of funds depend upon receipt of utilization certificate and Quarterly Progress Report. State Government has been requested to expeditiously implement the projects and utilize the funds so as to claim subsequent installments.

Disinvestment of Indian Airlines/Air India

2542. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the disinvestment proposal in Indian Airlines/Air India;

(b) by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) the total value of disinvestment; and

(d) the reasons for finalizing purchase of new aircrafts when disinvestment is finally being considered?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The process of disinvestment in both Indian Airlines and Air India was started by the Government in June 1999. But all the bidders gradually withdrew. Thereafer, the process has not been re-started.

(b) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Request from IFCI

2543. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received request from the IFCI to disqualify certain Companies/Groups from bidding;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their request; and